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Summary Proposed Terms of Reference Rouge Valley Park Planning Project

The following summarizes a proposed Terms of Reference for the Rouge Valley Park Planning Project. Specific elements of the planning process may be modified by agreement between the advisory committee and the Minister of Natural Resources.

Policy Framework

The Province has established the following policy framework for the proposed park:

- With the exception of existing uses, the valleylands will be managed primarily to protect natural, historical and archaeological values, and to permit compatible low intensity recreation.
- Subject to the protection of natural, historical and archaeological values, the tablelands can be considered for a variety of recreational and open space uses. All recreational development must be compatible with the maintenance of general open space.
- Throughout the entire park there will be a major emphasis on the appreciation and interpretation of natural, historical, architectural and archaeological values.
- The plan should maximize the opportunities for the involvement of a wide variety of groups and agencies in the management of the area.
- The plan should facilitate cost-sharing among the participating agencies and groups.
- The policies for the park should ensure that the plan itself and subsequent park operations demonstrate high environmental standards.

The committee will be responsible for preparing a recommended management plan which will include recommendations on which agency or combination of agencies should manage the park, and which privately owned lands should be acquired. The committee will also direct an extensive public consultation program. The committee will be asked to submit a recommended plan within one year.

Content of Park Plan

The Park Plan will, at a minimum, cover the following topics:

- Goal and Objectives
- Land Acquisition
- Zoning
- Management Policies (including management of flora, fauna, water, fisheries, landforms, historical resources, etc.)
- Operations Policies (including information, interpretation, recreation, research, marketing, visitor services, public safety, etc.)
- Proposed Development
- Implementation Strategy

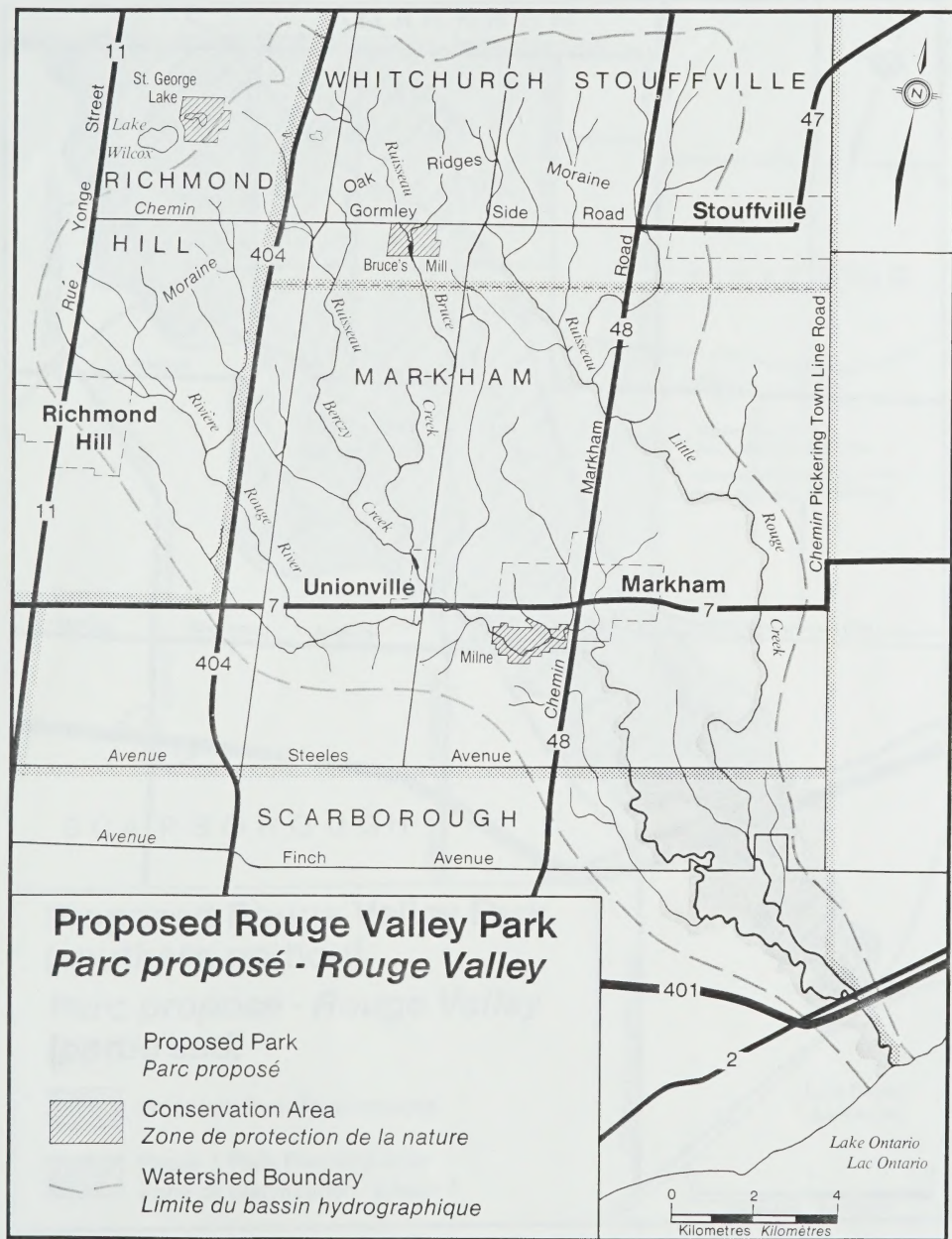
Public Consultation


It is anticipated that formal opportunities for public consultation will occur at four stages in the planning process:

- Background Information
- Planning Principles and Options
- Draft Plan
- Recommended Plan

A wide range of communication and consultation techniques will probably be used, such as newsletters, questionnaires, displays, workshops, open houses and public meetings.

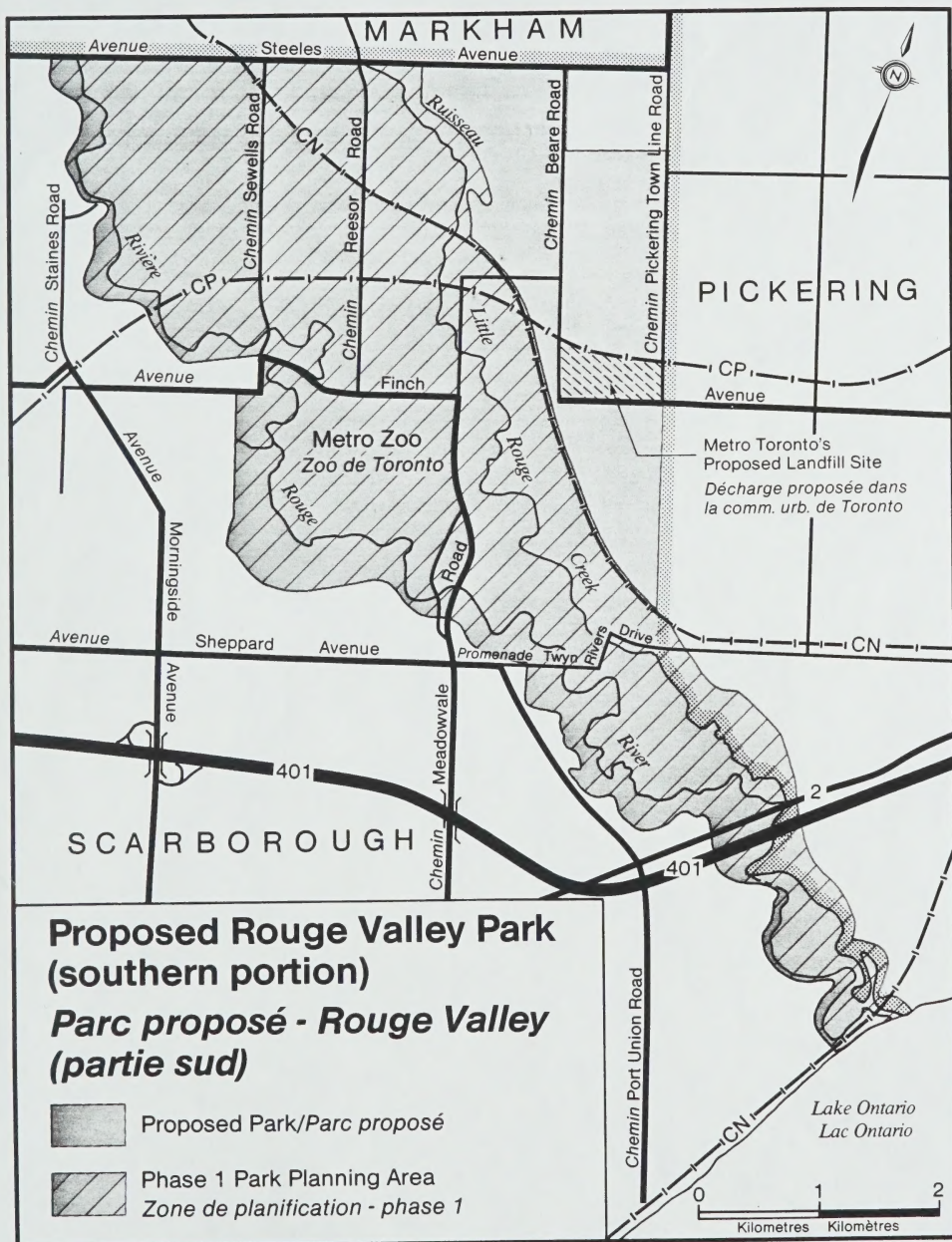
Meetings of the advisory committee will normally be open for anyone to attend as an observer.





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